

Glenda Wiles

From: Jennifer Cannon
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2007 8:32 AM
To: 'alan gelman'; Glenda Wiles
Subject: RE: Eight Mile Road

Mr. Gelman,

After George Corn's review of your email, we have forwarded a copy of it to the Commissioners as they have jurisdiction over county roads.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cannon
Legal Assistant

-----Original Message-----

From: alan gelman [mailto:captusa@wildblue.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2007 2:48 PM
To: Jennifer Cannon
Subject: Eight Mile Road

I have, over the last year or so, contacted your office via Postal mail and email about the constant, re-occurring deplorable conditions on our road and about the dangerous situation we who live and worst of all DRIVE on deal with on a daily basis. These letters/emails grew out of the frustration of having to deal with the indifference of those who man the telephones, and beyond, at the county ROAD department. Contained in those letters was the warning that not if, but WHEN those road conditions became a causal effect in someone doing injury to either themselves, their property, OR to others or THEIR property, that I would be the first to let those parties know of my REGULAR reminder to your office of the insufficient attention paid to this road and the Road Departments indifference to the repair.

Only three days ago, my wife contacted the Dept. of Roads, AGAIN to complain that the problems are now WORSE than ever with emormous crater that use to line the road NOW extending ACROSS the road.. Ironic, because two days ago, a young boy riding his ATV up Eight Mile Road, lost control, was thrown into a ditch and lay there for some time before he was found by a passerby who called the sheriff's depart and the EMT's. He was Skylifted by helicopter, on a stretcher to Missoula for care.

Now, I do not know if indeed the potholes, which are enormous, played any part in this accident. I am not saying that they did. But I am telling you now, as I have before, as a resident of this road, word travels. And, should I hear, as I will most certainly do, the details of how this accident happened, and should I hear that condition of Eight Mile played any part of it. I will as promised, offer to his family, copies of all the correspondence between your office and myself, indicating the pleadings of someone who knew YEARS ago, of the hazardous conditions and tried to get the COUNTY to repair them BEFORE someone was hurt.

I pray it wasn't. And, I pray that you use your authority with this county's worthless, short-sighted Road Dept. to fix this road PROPERLY, ONCE AND FOR ALL, before they ARE a mitigating factor in some future injury or god forbid death.

A. Gelman

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From: phil connelly [fillwest@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 9:56 PM
To: Glenda Wiles
Subject: Streamside Setback

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Hey Glenda,

Can you pass this note along to the commissioners? Thanks

Regarding the recently formed Streamside Setback committee, I have a couple of thoughts -

o I read in the paper that Ira Holt thought it would take at least 6 months to come up with some type of recommendations. I suggest that this is too long. I'd like to see a deadline of 4 months from now to produce something. It's been my work experience that if something gets time-boxed, it pretty much always gets done by the stated deadline. If it's left opened- ended, then the process becomess less efficient and the people involved don't feel a sense of urgency.

o Secondly, while I'm not saying that what Chris Clancy has put together is the exact

way setbacks regs should look, I'd like to think that his work can provide an excellent

starting point given that it is both science based and easily applied (versus trying to

come up with setbacks that are unique for each stream and creek, which I think

would be far too time-consuming to develop, difficult to apply, and an administrative

nightmare to enforce and adjust over time). While there are obviously situations in

which a "set" setback do not need to be applied, these can be acommodated via

an exception request (e.g., if someone has a high bluff next to a stream and a 150

foot setback is required by regulation - but not really needed in this situation - this could easily be

handled by granting a variance).

I believe that other counties in Montana that have adopted streamside setbacks regs all use

a fixed number of feet based on the type of waterway (river, stream, creek, and so on).

Thanks for your time,

Phil C

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